

U.S. Application No.: herewith
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

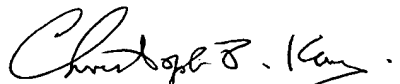
The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Claim 6 is cancelled herewith without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 9-10 and 11-12 have been added based upon claims 2 and 3, respectively.

The specification has been amended to recite that this application is a national stage of PCT/EP03/03294 filed March 29, 2003 and based upon German Application No. 102 14 675.6 filed April 3, 2002, under the International Convention.

Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added.

Entry and favorable consideration are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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